# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4405
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FIRING IN KARGIL
BHAL CHANDRA YADAV

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there has been a fresh incident of firing on July 21, 2001 in Kargil as reported in the Nav Bharat Times;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check such incidents; and

(c) the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (c): On 20th July, 2001, Pakistani troops resorted to firing on Indian positions in the Kargil sector.They fired approximately 80 rounds of artillery, 40 rounds of mortars and a hundred rounds of small arms. Out of these, approximately 20 rounds of artillery fell about 3.5 kms west of Kargil town. This fire was effectively retaliated by own troops. There were no civilian or army casualties.

The situation in all sectors including Kargil Sector is being closely monitored and our troops continue to maintain a constant vigil to thwart any nefarious designs of elements hostile to India.